

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1644

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to agriculture; creating the Oklahoma
8 Dairy Stabilization Act; providing short title;
9 stating intent; defining term; creating the Dairy
10 Stabilization Grant; allowing certain grants to be
11 paid to milk producers under certain circumstances;
12 providing for promulgation of rules; providing for
13 codification; and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-422 of Title 2, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Dairy
19 Stabilization Act".

20 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-423 of Title 2, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 It is the policy of this state and the purpose of the Oklahoma
24 Dairy Stabilization Act to reduce the decline in the number of dairy
farms in a manner that shall:

- 1 1. Prevent harm to Oklahoma's consumers and dairy industry;
- 2 2. Establish the Dairy Stabilization Program that will
- 3 safeguard the interests of dairy producers in this state;
- 4 3. Ensure that dairy producers receive fair market breakeven
- 5 prices;
- 6 4. Provide consumers a continuous and affordable supply of
- 7 Oklahoma-produced fluid milk and other dairy products;
- 8 5. Reverse the loss of dairy farms in this state;
- 9 6. Significantly curtail the increase in milk prices to the
- 10 consumer by helping to ensure in-state production; and
- 11 7. Maintain and potentially increase jobs in the processing of
- 12 milk products by stabilizing prices to dairy farmers.

13 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-424 of Title 2, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. As used in this section, "milk producer" means a person or
17 entity that operates a bovine dairy farm that possesses a valid
18 permit issued by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

19 B. There is hereby created in the Oklahoma Department of
20 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry the "Dairy Stabilization Grant".

21 C. If funds are available, the Commissioner of Agriculture
22 shall calculate monthly the difference between the average monthly
23 blend price of milk received by Oklahoma milk producers as estimated
24 by the Commissioner and seventy percent (70%) of the average monthly

1 cost of producing milk in Texas and Arkansas as estimated by the
2 United States Department of Agriculture.

3 D. If the average monthly bend price of milk received by
4 Oklahoma milk producers is lower than seventy percent (70%) of the
5 calculated average cost of producing milk in Texas and Arkansas, the
6 milk producer is eligible for a monthly Dairy Stabilization Grant in
7 the amount of the difference which will be paid quarterly.

8 E. The Commissioner shall not pay a milk producer more than
9 Five Dollars (\$5.00) per hundred weight of milk per month under
10 subsection C of this section.

11 F. Grants received by a milk producer under this section shall
12 not exceed an annual average of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per hundred
13 weight of milk.

14 G. The State Board of Agriculture shall promulgate rules to
15 implement the Oklahoma Dairy Stabilization Act.

16 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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